



Laying of Foundation Stone

THE FOUNDATION STONE of the National and Infant Schools was laid on Monday se'nnight by Mrs. Powell, of Hurdcott, in the presence of a large assemblage, including the Ven. Archdeacon Hony, the Hon. and Rev. S. Waldegrave, the Revds. R. L. Allnutt, C. H. Grove, R. M. Chatfield, E. Carr, W. Rigden, &c., &c. An appropriate address was delivered by the Hon. and Rev. the Rector, and a prayer having been offered up, the stone was deposited in its place in the name of the Holy Trinity, and the school children, led by the Hon. Mrs. Waldegrave, sang a hymn composed for the occasion. The remainder of the proceedings were of a similarly impressive character, and at the close of the interesting ceremonial, the visitors present adjourned to an early dinner at the Rectory, while the parishioners and their children returned to their homes to re-assemble at four o'clock on the Rectory Lawn. The tables had been meanwhile laid out, tastefully decorated with nosegays, and well loaded with excellent cake, to which girls, infants, and boys - being the children of both day and Sunday-schools - 171 in number, sat down in three happy groups. Grace having been sung, the teachers, with several of the inhabitants, waited upon the youthful party until, their repast being over - the boys proceeded to the downs to spend two hours in cricket - the girls and infants entertaining themselves on the lawn - all being assisted in their games by the families of the clergy present. The young people re-assembled at seven o'clock, and after hearing a few words of Christian counsel from Mr. Chatfield and singing verses 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Psalm xxv., returned to their homes.

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